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WEATHER.

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"SOUTH ASTORIA."

Expansion is the rule of municipal development; without it no city can make the offerings to the stranger seeking investments that are anywhere near in harmony with the limitations of the ordinary investment that the stranger is seeking to make.

But she has the field, and it lies over the crest of her back-bone hills, and must be known (for want of definite appellation) as "South Astoria."

We do not know, and cannot find out, the future purposes of this company. This project may be well within the scope of its ambitious program and we hope it is.

Every thinking citizen of Astoria is fully conscious of all the "A. E." has done during the past eighteen months, and of the high quality of those improvements, and appreciates it all, and must, perforce, take it as an augury for the doing of still better and larger things, and among them the opening up of the, practically, unoccupied territory to the south that is simply crying out for development.

A trans-peninsula railway line from the central waterfront of Astoria to the margin of Young's Bay, and a belt line thence around Smiths Point either along the bay level or one of the nearer northern avenues and running clear to Alderbrook, are among the leading essentials in the furtherance of this inevitable and wonderful scheme of local development and there is a magnitude of service and emolument involved in the undertaking that warrants the belief that not a great many months will elapse before the initial steps will be taken toward its unfolding.

ULTRA ABBRITRAINNESS.

We are anxious to know what relation the recent arbitrary order of the Harriman system closing the Ogden Gateway to all lines that do not sell the western end of the transcontinental trip over its lines to the coast, bears to the rate bill just enacted by Congress. In other words, will that system be permitted to charge full lo-

cal rates from Ogden west, to Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and elsewhere, simply because the connecting lines in the East failed to route the coast-bound passenger via its service west of Ogden.

There is a species of arbitrariness in such an order that betokens rank contempt not only of the law regulating rates, but of conditions besetting the ordinary long-distance traveler; that is very grinding and insolent and rather an extraordinary exhibition illustrative of the well-known disdain with which giant corporations regard mere law, and it seems to us, that if persisted in, the law and its champions are to be furnished with a wide-open opportunity for some very practical demonstrations of its actual meaning and supremacy.

THE SEISMOGRAPH.

Seismographs at three remote points of the globe, Australia, Germany and the Isle of Wight, recorded an earthquake in some quarter of our mundane sphere as taking place on Oct. 1 but they were unable to locate it. Washington has since located it in the Indian Ocean. Estimates as to its force vary, from worse than San Francisco and Valparaiso, to not as bad. It is some satisfaction to know when earthquakes are sneaking around—the seismograph somewhat resembling a burglar alarm in that, respect in putting people on their guard. It certainly looks as if this was an era of reconstruction on earth, physically as well as politically.

THE HUNDRED-YEAR NATION.

A German statistician has made a careful investigation to discover in which countries the greatest age is attained. The German empire, with 55,000,000 population, has but seventy-eight subjects who are more than one hundred years old. France, with fewer than 40,000,000, has 213 persons who have passed their hundredth birthday. England has 16, Scotland 46, Denmark 2, Belgium 5, Sweden 10, and Norway, with 2,000,000 inhabitants 23. Switzerland does not boast a single centenarian, but Spain, with about 18,000,000 population, has 410. The most amazing figures come from that troublesome and turbulent region known as the Balkan peninsula. Servia has 573 persons who are more than one hundred years old, Roumania 1,084 and Bulgaria, 3,883. In other words, Bulgaria has a centenarian to every 100 inhabitants, and thus holds the international record for old people. In 1892 alone there died in Bulgaria 350 persons who had exceeded the century.—New Orleans States.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

We can all "breathe easier" now that the Institute of International Law has decided that the air is free.

It is cheerful to know that a learned judge has decided that when a drunkard is sober he is not insane.

It is suggested that the Democrats who were put off at Buffalo caught the Saratoga special.

More encouragement for Uncle Joe Cannon—Samuel Gompers is against him.

Plot No. 22 against the Czar has just been thwarted. Look out for 23.

The seat of war seems to have shifted from Buffalo to Cuba.

Traveler just home from Japan reports that everybody is happy these days. Why shouldn't they be, in a land where the fall styles never change?

John Temple Graves says the southern negro must go. From the grand jury's finding, it looks as if they would take their Graves with them.

Wisconsin university, it is said now is "laying plans" to suppress hazing. Wisconsin is behind the times. Other schools "laid plans" long ago.

Now, Bourke, when you had to choose between "rottenness and riot" at Buffalo, tell us, honest Injun, which you chose—or was it both?

The diligence with which David B. Hill is saying nothing is only equalled by the eloquence with which Grover Cleveland goes fishing.

Whenever there get to be more leaders than aspirants for president in Cuba, that republic will see quieter times.

Rubberneck wagon lecturer—"We are now passing up Park Row. Behind that newsstand on your right stands the noble statue of the great Horace Greeley. If you were on the other side of the stand you could see it."

"THE COLLEGE WIDOW."

Entrancing in its simplicity and spontaneity, exciting from its first moment to its last, the liveliest attention and interest, "The College Widow" which is the attraction at the Astoria Theater next Sunday night, is a secure and substantial success. George Ade delivered the manuscript of this comedy with every confidence, but it is doubtful whether even his most sanguine hopes had pictured the exceptional success with which it has met. "The College Widow" statistics show to this date, forty-two weeks in New York, seventeen weeks in Chicago, sixteen weeks in Boston and consistently long runs in the other cities, with average receipts unmatchable by any similar amusement venture.

Henry W. Savage, whose good judgment in the selection of plays has become proverbial, is the fortunate owner and producer of "The College Widow." With an inherently good property to work with, Mr. Savage supplied Mr. Ade's comedy with every auxiliary advantage. Nothing has apparently been left undone, from the selection of actors to the most minor details, to provide correct atmosphere and proper embellishment. Mr. Savage's general stage manager, George Marion, has worked in beautiful harmony with the author, and the result is a series of unique situations and effects in accentuation of every verbal point of the book. The football scene of the third act, showing in striking fidelity to detail an eager, jostling, boisterous grand stand of people, is a triumph in stagecraft. The faculty reception in the gymnasium is replete with irresistibly funny touches of nature, while the wild celebration of the local team's victory in the final act caps the climax of this well conceived, perfectly constructed and carefully produced play.

Mr. Savage has given much personal consideration to the casting of "The College Widow." It is a play of types and much depends upon the personality of the interpreting company. Among the artists who will appear here are Louise Rutter, Estella Dale, Bessie Toner, Patty Allison, Frances Chase, Rosalind Allis, Elizabeth Van Sell, Helen Torrey, Robert Kelly, J. Beresford Hollie, Otis Turner, Alan Brooks, Frank Wunderlee, Wilson Deal, George S. Trimble, George C. Odell, John Fenton, Allen Bennett, and Ernest Anderson.

"THE CONVICT'S DAUGHTER."

One of the best melodramatic productions on tour this season, "The Convict's Daughter," will form the attraction at the Astoria Theater on next Saturday night. It is not one of those worn-out, weather-beaten plays, but entirely original and up-to-date in every detail, and its success is already established. A competent and expensive company is required to give an adequate interpretation of the various characters. The great sensational scene is a jail-yard, where convicts are at work re-building a wall beside a railroad. In this scene a locomotive and twenty freight cars cross the stage. As the train passes the wall, one of the convicts standing on the top stones leaps for liberty to the roof of the car. A guard fires but misses, and the prisoner is soon free. The convict is a "Weary Willie," who finally becomes wealthy and happy, his innocence being proven by the confession of the dying murderer, who leaves all his property to him. His daughter marries the man whom she has loved and waited for for many years, and all ends very happily.

"THE WORLD."

The latest production of the Mack Swain Theater company, "The World," which was presented last night to a crowded house, surpasses all previous efforts of this excellent company; it is a cleverly written play, overflowing with interest, splendidly staged and admirably acted. A story of sea and land, with the tang of the salt air and the roar of the breakers, the scent of green fields, and the perfume of the flowers; a glow of wit and humor, a tale of man's duplicity and woman's endurance, a succession of dramatic surprises and intense and thrilling situations—a series of beautiful and realistic stage pictures that could scarcely be surpassed. Too much cannot be said in praise of this excellent production. The view of the main deck of an ocean steamer at sea, with the explosion of an infernal machine and the total wreck of the vessel, followed by the scene representing a raft in mid-ocean, with the entire stage covered with heaving, tumbling waves, were the most realistic illusions ever witnessed upon any stage. The performance was perfect in every respect. Cora King Swain was a charming "Rose Ellison;" Mack Swain a delightful Irishman, and the entire company were excellent in their respective characters.

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SAN FRANCISCO A BEDLAM.

All Manner of Crime Rampant in the Stricken City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—Early this morning Lieutenant Tobin of the Southern Police station, was notified that Christian Golath, who kept a grocery and bar on the northwest corner of Folsom and Twenty-second streets, was selling liquor after closing hours. He went out there and with Corporal Lane, who was on duty in the vicinity, finding both the front and side doors locked, demanded entrance, announcing that they were police. The answer was a shot and Corporal Lane, who was stationed at the front door, fell with a ball in his jaw. An entrance was then effected and the proprietor, who, it is alleged, fired the shot, four women and one man were arrested by Lieutenant Tobin. Golath was charged with assault to murder and the other prisoners are held pending an investigation. Corporal Lane was taken to the hospital, where it was found that his wound, while serious, is not likely to prove fatal.

The average young woman of today is busy. Beauty is only another name for health, and it comes to 99 out of every 100 who take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

The proposed English channel tunnel scheme is opposed in the Spectator by a writer who foresees military danger to England. This shows that there is still material in Britain for a new Gilbert & Sullivan comedy.

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ALL UP IN SMOKE. CINCINNATI, Oct. 15.—Fire completely destroyed the plant of the John P. Cramp Company, manufacturers of steamboat furniture, early today. Loss \$50,000, partly insured.

A MOST WORTHY ARTICLE.

When an article has been on the market for years and gains friends every year, it is safe to call this medicine a worthy one. Such is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It positively cures coughs, and all Pulmonary diseases. One of the best known merchants in Mobile, Ala., says: "For five years my family has not been troubled with the winter coughs; we owe this to Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I know it has saved my children from many sick spells." Hart's drug store.

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Obliged to Lie With Limbs Higher Than Head—Suffered Untold Agonies and Could Not Walk—Doctor Said It Was the Worst Case he Ever Saw.

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